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Report of the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948 and General Assembly resolution 754 (VIII) of 9 December 1953, the Secretary-General and the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands continued to cooperate during the period under review in disseminating information to the Trust Territory on the aims and objectives of the International Trusteeship System and of the United Nations. The present report covers the period from 1 May 1991 to 30 April 1992.

2. The Department of Public Information of the Secretariat distributed information material both directly to the Trust Territory and through its information centres, primarily the United Nations Information Centre at Tokyo. The latter transmitted various forms of information to 92 recipients in the Territory. Among the materials sent to the Trust Territory by the Department were the documents of the Trusteeship Council and taped radio and video programmes, which were mailed directly from Headquarters to 79 recipients in the Trust Territory.

3. The Department of Public Information produced 10 press releases in English and 10 in French dealing with the work of the Trusteeship Council during the past year. The press releases featured all the proceedings of the Trusteeship Council meetings held during the review period. The messages of the Secretary-General on the occasion of United Nations Day were transmitted to the Territory from the Information Centre at Tokyo as a press release.

4. During the period under review, the Radio Section of the Department of Public Information regularly distributed to WSZB radio station in Koror the weekly taped programmes "Perspective", "Scope" and "Women" and the monthly taped programme "UN calling Asia".

5. The Department of Public Information aimed at enlightening the people of the Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories about their right to self-determination, as is demonstrated in some of the radio programmes disseminated to those Territories: "Trusteeship Council debates situation in Palau"; "The situation of the United States Trust Territory of Palau in the Pacific Region" (two parts); and "The organs of the UN: the Trusteeship Council, its powers and functions".

6. The Audio-Visual Library received requests for the 18-minute educational video about decolonization, accompanied by a booklet, which was produced in English for the "About the United Nations" series. The programme, for use in secondary-school social studies and history courses, examines the role of the United Nations in developing the principle and practice of "self-determination" in Non-Self-Governing Territories. In 1991, the Department of Public Information continued to send, every two weeks, five VHS copies of the "UN in Action" video programmes and five "World Chronicle" video programmes to the United Nations Information Centre at Tokyo, which in turn sent the material to the Trust Territory. During the period under review, 92 recipients were serviced by the Tokyo Information Centre.

7. During 1991, the UN Chronicle, a quarterly magazine in the six official languages, featured an item on decolonization in the June 1991 issue: "Decolonization: a historic anniversary"; and the March 1992 issue featured the following: "The right to self-determination: a speedy exercise (Fourth Committee)". The Department of Public Information booklet, Objective: Justice - Special Issue on Decolonization, vol. XXII, No. 2, December 1990 (DPI/1108) was distributed widely during the period under review. The Department's book, Decolonization: The Task Ahead - Profiles of 18 Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories (DPI/1109) produced in 1991, was also distributed world-wide. During the period under review, the 1991 issue of the Yearbook of the United Nations, which is under production, is devoting one chapter each to "Questions relating to decolonization" and the "International Trusteeship System".

8. Owing to insufficient funds for travel, neither the Director of the Information Centre at Tokyo nor any representative of the Centre was able to visit the Trust Territory during the period under review.

9. Regarding feedback from the recipients of United Nations information in the Trust Territory of the Pacific, the Department of Public Information sent out questionnaires to 92 recipients by direct mail in March 1991. The response rate has been very poor. A second mailing is planned for 1992 in consultation with the other departments that send information directly to the Trust Territory of Palau.

Annex

LIST OF UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (PALAU)

May 1991-April 1992

	No. of copies sent
AFRICA	
Namibia in the News	68
Africa Recovery (vol. 4, NO. 34/90)	92
Africa Recovery (vol. 5, Nos. 1-2 and 3/91)	146
APARTHEID	
News Digest	94
Notes and Documents (1991)	220
Notes and Documents (1992)	80
DECOLONIZATION	
Decolonization: The Task Ahead	
Profiles of 18 Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories (DPI/1109)	89
Teaching about ... Decolonization (DPI/1170)	99
Objective: Justice (December 1990)	
Special Issue on Decolonization (DPI/1108)	114
Objective: Justice (June 1991)	35
United Nations Press Releases:	
SG/SM/4696	79
GA/COL/2826	79
GA/COL/2827	79

	No. of copies sent
DEVELOPMENT	
Development Forum (vol. 19/1991)	166
The UN Social Agenda	92
UN Volunteers: 20 Years of Service	34
World Economic Survey 1991	32
United Nations Focus	
(a) Refugee Women: In the Spirit of Survival	17
(b) International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (1991-2000)	17
(c) Destroying Drug Crops without Harming the Environment	17
(d) Refugee Women Factsheet	17
DISARMAMENT	
Disarmament Newsletter	
Vol. 8, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5	152
Vol. 9, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6	282
Vol. 10, No. 1	64
Disarmament Facts, Nos. 73-78	257
Topical Paper No. 8: Challenges to multilateral disarmament in the post cold war and post Gulf War period	10
A Periodic Review by the UN	
Vol. 12, No. 3	257
Vol. 13, No. 4	257
Vol. 14, No. 2	257
Vol. 15, No. 1	257

	No. of copies sent
GENERAL	
Charter of the United Nations (DPI/511)	79
The United Nations Public Information ...	70
Forty-sixth Session of the General Assembly	9
Notes for Speakers	45
Teaching about ... Environment and Development	10
Earth Summit in Focus, Nos. 1-6	54
UNEP Profile	9
UNDP Annual Report	10
UNDP - Cooperation South, No. 1 (1991)	10
UNDP - Source (Spotlight on Africa)	11
UNDP - Source (Health Education)	8
UNCTAD: Press Release (TAD/INF/2191)	54
UNCTAD Bulletin, No. 11 (1991)	20
World Development (March 1991)	
(Aiding Remote Peoples)	2
World Development (January 1991)	
(Privatization: Establishing a Free Market Economy)	2
HUMAN RIGHTS	
Universal Declaration of Human Rights (DPI/876)	79
United Nations Focus	
(The Specialists Who Monitor Human Rights)	31
(The Human Rights Covenants)	31
(The Trade of Shame/The Sale of Children)	31

	No. of copies sent
(Searching for the Pernicious Roots of Racism)	31
Human Rights Newsletter, vol. 4, No. 3	31
Teaching about ... Human Rights	54
Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide	10
The UN for Youth: Participation, Development, Peace	92
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS	
Division for Palestinian Rights	
Vol. 13, No. 10-11	65
Vol. 13, No. 12	7
Vol. 14, Nos. 1-2 and 5	86
Refugees, Nos. 81-83 and 85-86	86
The Question of Palestine (1979-1990)	31
Sixth UN European Seminar on the Question of Palestine	10
PEACE-KEEPING	
Agreement on a Comprehensive Political Settlement of the Cambodia Conflict	92
The Singapore Symposium	
(The Challenging role of the UN in Conflict Resolution and Peace-keeping, 13-15 March 1991)	92
Kuwait (Report of the Secretary-General on the Scope and Nature of Damage Inflicted on the Kuwait Infrastructure during the Iraqi Occupation)	10
SOCIAL	
Women News, No. 41 (1990)	47
Women News, Nos. 34-35 and 40 (1990)	123
Women News, Nos. 1 and 4-5	63

	No. of copies sent
Women 2000, Nos. 1-2 and 3 (1990)	114
Women 2000, No. 1 (1991)	63
Women - Challenges to the Year 2000	10
United Nations Focus: Women	
(Women and Environment)	
(Partners in Life)	
(International Women's Day)	
(Origins of a New Awareness)	
(CEDAW Fact Sheet)	240
MESSAGES AND REPORTS	
Message by the Secretary-General on the occasion of United Nations Day	92
Message by the General Assembly President on the occasion of United Nations Day	92
Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, 1991	92
VIDEO CASSETTES	
World Chronicle, Nos. 418-462 and 464	45
UN in Action, Nos. 162-214	25
POSTERS	
1991 Environment and Development	270
Women - Equality by the Year 2000	50
Earth Summit - Environment and Development	92

The Distribution Section of the Office of Conference Services of the Secretariat at Headquarters sent 79 copies of the following documents to the Trust Territory:

Trusteeship Council, verbatim records of the fifty-eighth session (T/PV.1683-1689)

Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-sixth Year, Special Supplement No. 1 (S/23554)

Trusteeship Council documents:

T/1954 to T/1961
T/L.1277 to T/L.1280
T/RES/2194 (S-XXI)
T/INF/39